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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	10/070,355
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. Previously submitted

i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

b. Enclosed

i. Amendment/Reply

ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. Other Three-Months Extension fee

v. Other

2. Miscellaneous

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for

a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)

b. Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(c) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

			SMALL ENTITY RATE	FEES	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY RATE	FEES
Request for Continued Examination (RCE)			1	\$ 395		\$ 790
Multiple Dependent Claims			0 x \$ 180	\$ 0	x \$ 360	\$
Total Claims	24 - 20 =	4	4 x \$ 25	\$ 100	x \$ 50	\$
Independent Claims*	3 - 3 =	0	x \$ 100	\$ 0	x \$ 200	\$
			TOTAL	\$495	TOTAL	\$

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$495.- filing fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1407. In the event additional fees are required, please charge these additional fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1407. In the event of overpayment, please credit Deposit Account No. 50-1407.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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